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HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our proposal addresses critical needs, including additional classroom space, improved library and lunchroom facilities, ADA compliance and a more collaborative, dynamic environment.



A systemwide initiative to develop schools that work smarter for our students.

MEET YOUR SMART SCHOOLS TEAM

The Hawthorne Elementary School team put months into this process. We appreciate the input from students, parents, faculty, neighbors and the MCPS board. If you have questions or would like to get involved, we encourage you to visit www.mcpsmt.org/hawthorne or contact Principal Becky Sorenson at bsorenson@mcps.k12.mt.us.

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21ST CENTURY NEEDS

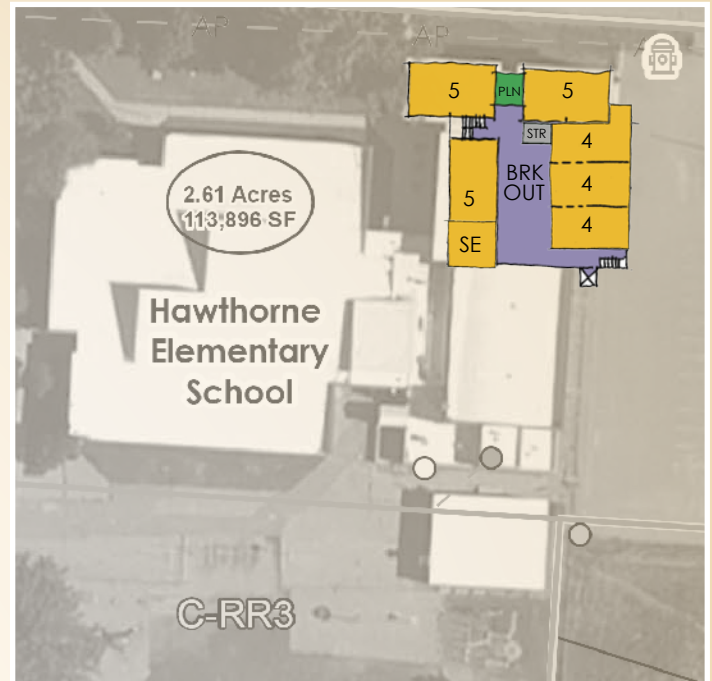
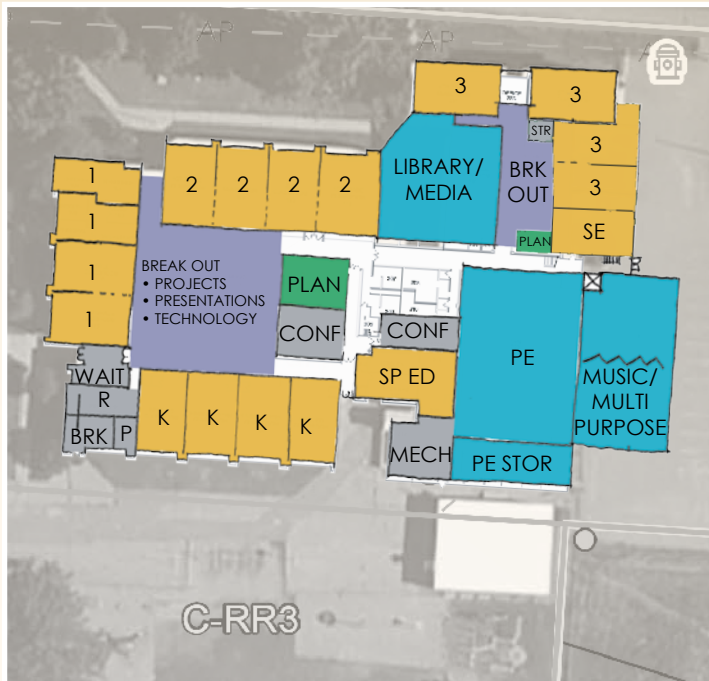
Hawthorne Elementary School, constructed in phases beginning in 1952, originally was designed to serve 300 students. Missoula has grown and enrollment now averages between 350–385 students. Overcrowding and logistical difficulties — including no formal cafeteria — impede student-teacher interactions and student focus, health and physical fitness, security and safety.

EXPANDING HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our proposal expands the current Hawthorne to serve teachers, students and staff, with a focus on 21st century teaching and learning. Fiscally prudent, it addresses key issues while enabling the school to evolve classroom and collaborative space as needs change and our population expands in the future. When complete, Hawthorne will be a smarter school in many ways, including:

- ADA compliance throughout the facility, including an elevator to the gymnasium and second floor.
- A visible, safe and secure main entrance.
- A new cafeteria / multipurpose room for student dining, music classes and performances.
- A highly functional library / media center.
- Flexible collaboration spaces for students, teachers and parents.
- Wireless Internet access for all classes and staff.
- Additional classrooms to serve increased enrollment.
- Increased safety, with the building divided into secure zones with electronically activated door closers.





OUR TEAM'S RECOMMENDED OPTION



OPTION E-1 EXPAND:

- Reconfigure entry.
- Convert library/media center to breakout space for projects, technology & presentations for K-2.
- Relocate library/media center.

- Expand school to east for multipurpose and classroom space.
- Install elevator serving gymnasium and second floor.

SECURITY

Modify facility to create obvious main entry, secure waiting area and ability to observe visitors approaching the building. Subdivide the building into secure zones with electronically activated door closers.

TECHNOLOGY

Develop high-speed/high-volume fiber optic distribution to breakout spaces for projects, presentations and technology in each learning community, enhanced with robust wireless and hard-wired access points.

ENVIRONMENT

Install barn doors and garage doors with quality acoustical materials between learning areas and breakout areas for projects, presentations and technology. Create small learning communities for teams of teachers and students that include traditional classrooms as well as important support spaces for 1:1 tutoring, small groups, planning centers, storage, etc.

FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Site Area: 5.42 acres

Parking spaces: 100

Building Square Footage

Existing: 50,045

New: 7,000

Total Project Cost: \$5,652,855

Replacement Cost: \$12,838,108

Remaining Deferred Maintenance & Energy Project Costs: \$0

Rental / Lease / Sale Income: None

Current Enrollment: 370

Future Peak Enrollment: 434

Capacity: 450-500

Accessible Capacity: 450-500

Accessible / Permanent Capacity: 450-500

Costs include construction, demolition (where applicable), technology, furnishings, site development, design fees, and acquisition (where applicable). Contingency and escalation to January 2020.



NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN SMARTER SCHOOLS

Education has never been more important than it is today. Our students face international competition for scholarships and jobs, and an increasing pace of change that impacts their futures. Yet, while the need for quality education continues to increase, our schools are physically in decline.

At Missoula County Public Schools, we realize that we must change if we're to keep up academically and economically as a community. That's why we launched Smart Schools 2020. Led by teams from each school, the initiative assesses needs by facility and prioritizes those needs in light of achieving our goals of a 21st Century Educational Culture and of being fiscally responsible.

By addressing schools now we prevent further deterioration of facilities, better prepare for population growth and ensure our students continue to get the educational opportunities they need to succeed in school and beyond.

THE SMART SCHOOLS PROCESS

SCHOOL CENTRIC:

Criteria and preferred options were established for each school by a team of teachers, administrators, students and parents from that school, along with members of the Missoula community.

COLLABORATIVE:

Alternatives were shared at public meetings at each school. In addition, surveys were sent out systemwide to vet priorities.

REALISTIC:

Team recommendations will be reviewed by the steering committee and the elected board of trustees before a bond measure is drafted.

PUBLIC:

Everyone is invited to review options and weigh in. Final support for the initiative will be determined by public election in November 2015.



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